

really appreciated the people coming. I thought it was a very good summit.

Last question, and then I've got to go.

Q. Thank you, Mr. President. Just to follow up on that, are you planning on producing a new economic package—

The President. Lie, cheat, or steal. [Laughter]

Q. Are you planning on producing a new economic package?

The President. We're thinking about it. We're thinking about all options. That's one of the things that came out of the meeting, was that some have urged us to think about additional measures to help economic growth, so I'm thinking about it.

But one thing that the Congress has got to do is pass laws that will make a—that we've already proposed, that will make a difference for job creation. One of them is terrorism insurance. Another one is pension reform. And that's very important. So Congress needs to do that when they get back.

And the other thing, of course, is Congress should not overspend. Look, I understand Washington. Every project sounds like it's needed. Every—every proposal is one that's got to be funded. And my job is to set the priorities, and I have set priorities. The war is a priority. Homeland defense is a priority. And then hold people to account if they don't accept those priorities, if they overspend. And I started that process by making a decision on the supplemental.

Thank you all. Hope you have a great day.

President's Vacation

Q. Mr. President, how is the nature trail coming?

The President. Michael, is that a—you're not inviting yourself out there? [Laughter] It's coming great. Actually, I haven't been on the good side of a saw for a while. I've been out of the—out of the area, as you know. And today I'm going to—I've got another event here, and then Condi is coming down. I'm going to spend some time with her. I may be at—I may be sawing tomorrow. If I need an extra hand, I'll holler.

Q. I can outrun Scott [Scott Lindlaw, Associated Press]. [Laughter]

The President. I'll tell you what, he represented the press corps in fine fashion. It was an unbelievable effort.

Q. I found someone I could beat, sir, yesterday.

The President. Who's that?

Q. I'm not going to identify them. [Laughter]

The President. No, you represented—you represented your profession well. I tried to find the model citizen out of all the people I could have invited. I tried to find the one person that would represent the integrity of the press corps, somebody who represents those values that we hold dear, that the enemy is trying to attack, as a matter of fact, a free press. And I hope you agree with my judgment that Scott was the right man at the right place at the right time. It's that flexibility I need. [Laughter]

NOTE: The President spoke at 11:55 a.m. at the Crawford Community Center. In his remarks, he referred to Javier Suarez Medina, who was executed August 14 by the State of Texas for a 1989 murder conviction; President Vicente Fox of Mexico; President Saddam Hussein of Iraq; and National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice. A tape was not available for verification of the content of these remarks.

Proclamation 7583—National Health Center Week, 2002

August 16, 2002

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

America's community health centers are a vital part of our healthcare safety net, providing primary care services to uninsured, low-income families and individuals, regardless of their ability to pay.

Community health centers ensure that all citizens have access to medical treatment and preventative care. Each year, community, migrant, public housing, and homeless health centers serve more than 12 million citizens at over 3,300 delivery sites throughout urban and rural communities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, and the Virgin Islands. These centers care for 1 of every 5 low-income children and 1

of every 12 rural residents. By working together with schools, businesses, churches, community organizations, foundations, and State and local governments, these health centers strive to meet the special needs and priorities of communities and to improve the health and well-being of countless families and individuals.

Health centers offer responsive and cost-effective health care that includes comprehensive primary and preventive services; prenatal and postpartum care; patient education, case management, and outreach; translation and other support services. My Administration is committed to increasing Federal support of healthcare centers. Through my Community and Migrant Health Centers Initiative we are working to double the number of patients served in these centers, and create 1,200 new and expanded health center sites over 5 years.

With the observance of National Health Center Week, we recognize the important role and the invaluable contributions of America's health centers, their staff, board members, and all those responsible for their success. During National Health Center week, I join in encouraging all Americans to celebrate the importance of health centers to our communities by participating in health fairs and screenings, blood drives, immunizations, and open house events.

Now, Therefore, I, George W. Bush, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim August 18 through 24, 2002, as National Health Center Week. I encourage all Americans to observe this week with appropriate activities and programs in order to raise their awareness of the importance and variety of services provided by America's health centers.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this sixteenth day of August, in the year of our Lord two thousand two, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and twenty-seventh.

George W. Bush

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NOTE: This proclamation will be published in the *Federal Register* on August 20.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

August 10

In the morning, the President traveled from the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX, to Waco, TX. Later, he returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford.

August 12

In the morning, the President met with the National Security Council.

The White House announced that the President will welcome Prime Minister Siim Kallas of Estonia to Washington, DC, on September 4.

August 13

In the morning, the President traveled to Waco, TX. In the afternoon, he returned to the Bush Ranch in Crawford, TX.

During the day, the President had a telephone conversation with President Vicente Fox of Mexico concerning Javier Suarez Medina, who was scheduled to be executed on August 14 by the State of Texas for a 1989 murder conviction, and President Fox's upcoming visit to President Bush's ranch in Crawford, TX.

August 14

In the morning, the President traveled to Milwaukee, WI.

In the afternoon, the President traveled to Des Moines, IA, where, upon his arrival, he met with the McCaughey family, including 4-year-old septuplets.

August 15

In the morning, the President traveled to Rapid City, SD. While en route aboard Air Force One, he had intelligence and national security briefings. Upon his arrival in Rapid City, he met with Jerome Harvey, assistant